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SUBJ: TEXT OF PONOMAREV CLOSING SPEECH TO CODEL ALBERT AUGUST 12

FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE ENGLISH TEXT (AS PROVIDED BY SOVIETS) OF PONOMAREV'S CONCLUDING REMARKS TO CODEL ALBERT AUGUST 12.

"ESTEEMED MR. SPEAKER ALBERT,
"ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF THE US CONGRESS,
"THE TIME HAS COME TO SUM UP SOME RESULTS OF OUR MEETING. THE FRANK AND, I WOULD SAY, CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WE HAD YESTERDAY AND TODAY PROVIDES AGAIN CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT ESTABLISHING PERSONAL CONTACTS BETWEEN LEGISLATORS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS ONE OF THE IMPORTANT WAYS TO MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

"PARLIAMENTS ARE VESTED WITH EXTENSIVE POWERS AND GREAT RIGHTS. THE NEED FOR MUTUAL CONTACTS IS PROMPTED BY LIFE ITSELF, BECAUSE THEY OPEN UP ADDITIONAL CHANNELS FOR SEEKING MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS, STRENGTHENING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND GOOD-NEIGHBOURLINESS. AND AS WE SEE IT, BUSINESSLIKE CONTACTS BETWEEN PARLIAMENTARIANS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD GROW WIDER.

"IT IS NOT ALWAYS THAT OUR VIEWS COINCIDE ON HOW TO APPROACH THE SOLVING OF WORLD PROBLEMS, BUT IT IS UNCLASSIFIED

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VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE HERE TO

PRESENT IN A FRANK WAY OUR VIEWS TO EACH OTHER.
AND WE SOVIET PARLIAMENTARIANS WOULD LIKE THE
PRESENT AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN TO CONVEY TO ALL MEMBERS
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TO ALL US CONGRESS,
ALL AMERICAN PUBLIC OUR POINT OF VIEW BOTH ON
QUESTIONS OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS, AND ON
INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS AS A WHOLE. THIS IS
ALSO ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE REASON THAT AS
MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION OF THE US HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES POINTED OUT HERE THEMSELVES, THE
CAMPAIGN AGAINST NORMALISATION OF SOVIET-US RELATIONS
IS SNOWBALLING IN THE UNITED STATES AFTER THE
HELSINKI CONFERENCE. IT IS BEING CONDUCTED IN THE
PRESS, ON RADIO AND TV. THIS IS OF COURSE
POISONING THE ATMOSPHERE AND IS NOT CONTRIBUTING
TO BETTER SOVIET-US RELATIONS.

"WE EXPRESS OUR SATISFACTION THAT US PRESIDENT FORD
IN HIS LATEST INTERVIEW TO THE PUBLIC BROADCASTING
SYSTEM, ASKED WHAT HE HAD TO SAY ABOUT CRITICISM
OF THE PROCESS OF DETENTE, REPLIED THAT THERE WAS
NO DOUBT THAT THE REDUCTION OF TENSION WAS BRINGING
MANY ADVANTAGES BOTH TO THE SOVIET UNION AND THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. IN THE VIEW OF PRESIDENT
FORD, THE AGREEMENTS SIGNED IN HELSINKI OPENED UP
PROMISING PROSPECTS FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF MANY
OTHER PROBLEMS.

"WE BELIEVE THAT OUR DUTY AS PARLIAMENTARIANS
IS TO EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT THE PRINCIPLES
OF MUTUAL SECURITY OF STATES RECORDED IN THE FINAL
DOCUMENT OF THE CONFERENCE ARE OBSERVED IN INTERNATIONAL
POLITICS IN PRACTICE HENCEFORTH AND THAT THE NEW
OPENINGS FOR COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL,
SCIENTIFIC AND OTHER SPHERES ARE MADE USE OF IN
DAILY RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES.

"IT IS WORTH STRESSING THAT THE SOVIET UNION OBSERVES
HONESTLY AND STRICTLY ALL THE AGREEMENTS SIGNED WITH
THE USA, THERE ARE OVER 40 OF THEM NOW, INCLUDING
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THE AGREEMENT ON LIMITING STRATEGIC WEAPONS.

"SINCE ONE OF THE CONGRESSMEN SAID YESTERDAY THAT
IT IS DIFFICULT TO CHECK WHETHER THE SOVIET UNION
OBSERVES THE ARMAMENT AGREEMENTS, WE CAN QUOTE THE
FOLLOWING OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE US ADMINISTRATION.

"SPEAKING ON AUGUST 3 ON THE TELEVIZED 'MEET THE PRESS'

PROGRAM FRED IKLE, DIRECTOR OF THE ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY, STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS NO INFORMATION WHICH WOULD CONFIRM THE VIOLATIONS BY THE SOVIET UNION OF THE AGREEMENTS ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS. HE NOTED THAT "UNCERTAINTIES" WHICH ARISE IN THE PROCESS OF FULFILLING THE EXISTING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE USA ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS WERE CAREFULLY EXAMINED AND "FRUITFULLY RESOLVED" AT THE TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES AT GENEVA. HE REJECTED THE ACCUSATIONS VOICED A SHORT WHILE AGO BY EX-US SECRETARY OF DEFENSE M. LAIRD THAT THE USSR HAD ALLEGEDLY VIOLATED SOME OF THE CLAUSES OF THE AGREEMENTS WITH THE USA ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMS.

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"F. IKLE SAID THAT THE USSR AND THE USA ARE NOW CONTINUING THEIR SEARCH FOR MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISES AT THE TALKS ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMS IN GENEVA, AND ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE, WHICH ARE UNDER WAY IN VIENNA AND THAT THEY ARE PARTICIPATING IN VERY IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

"WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND US PARLIAMENTARIANS THAT BETWEEN 1946 AND 1975 THE SOVIET UNION HAS MADE SOME 60 PROPOSALS ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS AND STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY. THIS IS ONE OF THE VIVID PROOFS OF THE SINCERE DESIRE

FOR PEACE OF THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS INTEREST IN
HAVING NO ARMS RACE IN THE WORLD. THE FIRST OF
THEM WERE 'THE DRAFT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF
BANNING PRODUCTION AND USE OF WEAPONS BASED ON THE
USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR MASS DESTRUCTION' AND 'THE
PROPOSAL ON THE GENERAL REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS.'

"THE SOVIET UNION IS DOING EVERYTHING TO ACHIEVE
ACTUAL PROGRESS IN THE FIELD OF ARMS AND REDUCTIONS
AND DISARMAMENT.

"ONE CAN POINTOUT WITH SATISFACTION A NUMBER OF
IMPORTANT MEASURES WHICH HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT IN
RECENT YEARS THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS OF
THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES OR WITH
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THEIR PARTICIPATION TO LESSEN THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR
CONFLICT. MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN THIS AREA HAVE
ALREADY BEEN MENTIONED HERE. THESE ARE, FOR
EXAMPLE, AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE USA
TO AVERT NUCLEAR WAR, TREATIES TO BAN NUCLEAR TESTS
IN THREE MEDIA AND CHECK THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS, AND SO FORTH. DEFINITE PROGRESS ACHIEVED
BY THE USA AND THE USSR IN CURBING THE
STRATEGIC ARMS RACE IS CONSIDERED IMPORTANT BOTH
FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE GENERAL NORMALIZATION
OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND A CERTAIN REDUCTION
IN MILITARY SPENDING. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO REASON
TO SAY THAT THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR HAS BEEN
COMPLETELY REMOVED. SINCE DETENTE FACILITATED A NUMBER
OF INITIAL AGREEMENTS, IT WILL DOUBTLESS HELP SOME
NEW ONES WHICH WOULD ACTUALLY LIMIT NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

"I WOULD LIKE TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT
CHINA CONTINUES TO CONDUCT NUCLEAR TESTS. THIS
POISONS NOT ONLY THE ATMOSPHERE BUT PEOPLE'S LIFE
ON OUR PLANET BECAUSE THEY SEE THAT THE CHINESE LEADERS
CYNICALLY DISREGARD THE OPINIONS OF NATIONS AND THE
FACT THAT THERE EXISTS THE AGREEMENT ON BANNING
NUCLEAR TESTS IN THREE MEDIA SIGNED ON THE
SOVIET-US INITIATIVE. OTHER STATES, TOO, CARRY
OUT TESTS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

"THE CONGRESSMEN EMPHASIZED THE FACT THAT THE US
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS NOW BEGINNING TO PLAY
AN INCREASING ROLE IN FOREIGN POLICY-MAKING. THEY
COULD, THEREFORE, MAKE USE OF
THE GROWING ROLE OF
THE HOUSE TO PROMOTE DISARMAMENT, PARTICULARLY CUTS
IN THE DEFENCE BUDGETS. THE CONGRESS IS NOW DISCUSSING

THE 1976 BUDGET PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE
MILITARY SPENDING WHICH WOULD REACH A FANTASTIC SUM
OF 100,000 MILLION DOLLARS.

"IT WAS SAID HERE THAT THE CAUSE FOR GROWING MILITARY
EXPENSES IN THE USA IS TO BE SOUGHT IN INFLATION,
THAT THE STRUCTURE OF YOUR EXPENDITURES DIFFERS
FROM OUR STRUCTURE. BUT THIS IS NOT THE POINT, IT
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IS THAT OUR POLICY IS FIRMLY AIMED AT REDUC-
ING MILITARY SPENDING, AT CUTTING BACK ARMAMENTS,
AT HALTING THEIR GROWTH. IF YOUR VOICE IS HEARD IN
CONGRESS, WITH DUE ACCOUNT TAKEN OF OUR EXCHANGE OF
VIEWS, LET US HOPE THAT THIS WILL LEAD TO POSITIVE
RESULTS. AS FOR OUR SIDE, WE HAVE GOOD WILL TO
REDUCE ARMAMENTS AND MILITARY BUDGETS.

"IN THIS CONTEXT, IT SEEMS A FAULTY NOTION TO
ARGUE THAT THE OBJECTIVES OF DETENTE WILL BE
ATTAINED IF THE UNITED STATES GAINS MILITARY
SUPERIORITY. THIS NOTION EXISTED DURING THE YEARS
OF THE COLD WAR. IT HEATS UP THE ARMS RACE AND
LEADS TO DANGEROUS CONTENTION IN THIS FIELD. WE
BELIEVE THAT IT IS HIGH TIME TO RENOUNCE THIS
APPROACH TO THE DISARMAMENT PROBLEM.

"IT IS QUITE UNDERSTANDABLE THAT THE PROBLEM OF
ECONOMIC TIES HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED DURING
OUR MEETING. WE CAN NOTE WITH GRATIFICATION THAT
MANY OF OUR AMERICAN COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE SPOKEN HERE
ARE SHARING OUR OPINION THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF
TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION
AND THE UNITED STATES ARE EQUALLY BENEFICIAL FOR BOTH
SIDES AND THAT THE DISCRIMINATORY CONDITIONS ENDORSED
BY CONGRESS ARE HINDERING THE PROGRESS OF THESE TIES.

"I WOULD CITE ONE INTERESTING FACT. ACCORDING TO THE
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, EVEN THE FIRST BATCH OF ORDERS
FOR EQUIPMENT TO BE DELIVERED TO THE KAMA AUTOMOBILE
WORKS HAVE GIVEN MORE THAN 150,000 NEW JOBS TO
US WORKERS; THEY SAY THAT, AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT, THE
BULK OF THEM ARE CONCENTRATED IN THE ELECTORATE OF
YOUR COLLEAGUE CONGRESSMAN VANIK WHO IS AN ESPECIALLY
ZEALOUS OPPONENT OF DEVELOPING TRADE WITH THE
SOVIET UNION.

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"MESSRS. AMERICAN PARLIAMENTARIANS, WE WANT YOU TO HEAR ONCE AGAIN FROM US - DEPUTIES OF THE SUPREME SOVIET OF THE USSR - THAT WE REJECT ANY ATTEMPTS TO TIE UP THE QUESTION OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES WITH THE QUESTION OF SO-CALLED FREE EMIGRATION SINCE SUCH AN ATTEMPT IS AN OPEN INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE USSR. IN THEIR STATEMENTS OUR DEPUTIES MADE CLEAR ENOUGH THE ACTUAL STATE OF AFFAIRS WITH THE SO-CALLED EMIGRATION. WE ASK YOU TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THESE FIGURES AND THE ARGUMENTS CITED.

"SO LET US COOPERATE IN THE TRADE AND ECONOMIC FIELD AS WE DO IN THE SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL SPHERES. TO THE GREAT SATISFACTION OF ALL THE WORLD, AND IN PARTICULAR SCIENTIFIC, COMMUNITY, THE DEMANDS FOR SO-CALLED 'FREEDOM OF EMIGRATION' HAVE NOT PREVENTED THE JOINT SPACE FLIGHT OF SOVIET COSMONAUTS AND AMERICAN ASTRONAUTS. WORLD SCIENCE HAS RECORDED A NEW ACHIEVEMENT UNPRECEDENTED IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND. INDEED, AS WE LOOK BACK, WE CAN FIND SATISFACTION IN NOTING THAT OVER A RELATIVELY SHORT SPACE OF TIME SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE SOVIET-AMERICAN AGREEMENT IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY A LARGE AMOUNT OF FRUITFUL WORK HAS BEEN DONE.

"IN GENERAL, DESPITE CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES, THE PROCESS OF DETENTE BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AFD THROUGHOUT
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THE WORLD CONTINUES TO DEEPEN. THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, THE SPEECH MADE AT IT BY L.I. BREZHNEV, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF OUR PARTY, THE POSITIVE RESULTS AT THE SOVIET-US TALKS ON STRATEGIC ARMS AND A NUMBER OF EXPECTED NEW MEASURES ON COOPERATION IN VARIOUS FIELDS CAN LEAD TO A FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF THE CLIMATE IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. OF CARDINAL IMPORTANCE IN THIS RESPECT WILL BE THE VISIT OF GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE L.I. BREZHNEV TO THE USA, HIS MEETINGS AND TALKS WITH AMERICAN LEADERS. WE HOPE THAT A FAVOURABLE CLIMATE WILL BE CREATED FOR THIS BOTH PRIOR TO AND DURING THE VISIT.

"THE VERY FACT OF AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION OF THE US CONGRESS PAYING A RETURN VISIT TO OUR COUNTRY STRIKINGLY DEMONSTRATES THAT, DESPITE ALL THE CRITICISM OF DETENTE THAT IS BEING HEARD IN CONGRESS, AMERICAN LEGISLATORS ARE ACTUALLY COMING OUT FOR THE PROMOTION OF BUSINESS RELATIONS WITH OUR COUNTRY.

"WE AGAIN REPEAT THAT THE MAIN TRENDS IN THE FIELD OF DETENTE ARE CURRENTLY AS FOLLOWS:

"NEW EFFORTS TOWARD PREVENTING UNMKDND#LIMITING ARMAMENTS;

"A SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS IN KEEPING WITH UN DECISIONS;

"THE DEVELOPMENT OF MANY-SIDED COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES IN THE ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SPHERES.

"ESTEEMED CONGRESSMEN, WE TELL YOU THAT WE SHALL OBJECTIVELY INFORM OUR ELECTORS AND PUBLIC OF THE TALKS HELD WITH YOU. WE WOULD LIKE THAT YOU NRUO WOULD DO THE SAME IN YOUR COUNTRY.

"THE CONGRESSMEN SPOKE HERE OF THE NEED FOR FULFILLMENT
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OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT ON THE PART OF THE SOVIET UNION. WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THIS AGREEMENT, THE DOCUMENT SIGNED IN HELSINKI, SHOULD BE HONOURED BY ALL THE SIDES. MOREOVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO STRESS ONE VERY

IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE IN APPROACHES. SOME OF YOUR REPRESENTATIVES HERE, JUST AS THE US PRESS, TALK ONLY OF A THIRD 'BASKET,' DEMANDING THAT THE SOVIET UNION SHOULD DO THIS AND THAT. BUT WE SPEAK OF A PROBLEM OF MUCH GREATER, FRANKLY SPEAKIN, HISTORIC IMPORTANCE -- THAT OF AVERTING A NUCLEAR MISSILE WAR AND CONFLICTS BETWEEN PEOPLES AND STATES. JUST PONDER OVER HOW MANY NUCLEAR MISSILES AND THIS KIND OF ARMS HAVE BEEN STOCKPILED IN THE WORLD, HOW MANY SUCH WEAPONS CONTINUE TO BE AMASSED, AND YOU WILL UNDERSTAND OUR CONCERN THAT THESE ARMS SHOULD NOT BE USED AND THAT THEY SHOULD NO LONGER BE STOCKPILED.

"I HOPE THAT THE CONGRESSMEN WILL INFORM THEIR ELECTORS THAT THE SOVIET UNION SINCERELY DESIRES PEACE AND THAT IT HAS NO REASONS TO SEEK WAR. WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO TELL YOUR ELECTORS ABOUT THIS.

"THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION."
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